



Bikeways Program Application

Evaluation Guide

Project Name:

Project Category:

___ Minor Retrofit ___ Feasibility Assessment ___ Design ___ Construction

Project Cost:

_____ + _____ = _____
 (Bikeways Funding Request) (Matching Funds) (Total Project Cost)

Section 1: Project Description and Soundness of Approach

Section 1 evaluation determines the eligibility of a proposed project and the soundness of the approach described for its implementation. Applications will be awarded up to 10 points for a clearly described and sound project approach.

Evaluation Criteria	Eligible Y/N	Points Possible	Comments
1.1 Does the project meet at least one of the eligibility requirements?			
1.2 Is the project in a priority investment area? (If yes, lower required match rates apply)			
1.3 Project description and need adequately described to evaluate the proposal.			
1.4 Public outreach strategy. All projects must describe a public outreach strategy to be eligible for Bikeways funding.			
1.5 Is the workplan feasible and appropriate?		5	
1.6 Staffing approach and capacity to execute		5	
1.7 (Minor Retrofits and Construction only) Are all needed rights-of-way and easements secured?			
1.8 Coordinated with roadway and utility projects? Required for Minor Retrofit and Construction projects.			

Section 2: Project Impacts

Section 2 is used to evaluate the expected impacts of a proposed project. Applications will be awarded points for maximizing bicycle access to destinations, contributing to the state's network of regional and national trails, and leveraging existing bicycle infrastructure.

Evaluation Criteria	Points Possible	Comments
2.1 What destinations does this project connect? Up to five points for each significant destination, up to a maximum of 40 points.	40	
2.2 How does the project enhance Maryland's bicycle system? Up to 10 points may be awarded for each of the sub-categories listed, up to a maximum of 20 points.	20	
2.3 Does the project meet the needs of a broad range of cyclists? a) advanced cyclists only – 1 pt b) advanced and basic cyclists – 3pts c) advanced, basic, and children – 5pts	5	
2.4 (Design and Construction only) Will the project provide a significant improvement to the bicycle network? Qualitative assessment of whether project benefits are proportionate to costs, considering other available alternatives for bicycle travel in the area and other considerations, including economic development and tourism.	10	
(Refer to 1.2) Does the project support MDOT priority areas? 10 points awarded for projects within ½ mile of a rail transit station area and 3 points each awarded for projects in Sustainable Communities, Main Streets, central business districts, and census tract(s) at or below 60% of Area Median Income, up to a maximum of 15 points.	15	

Section 3: Local Support

Section 3 is used to evaluate the local support for the project, including whether the project is consistent with local plans.

Evaluation Criteria	Eligible Y/N	Points Possible	Comments
3.1 Local commitment to improving bicycle conditions, and consistency with local plans.		5	
3.2 Matching fund commitment. Up to 5 points may be awarded for commitment of matching funds above the required level.		5	
3.3 (Minor Retrofit, Design and Construction only) Operations and maintenance commitment is documented.			